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Mr. John J. O'Grady [SR-6J]
Remedial Project Manager
Superfund Division
United States Environmental Protection
Agency -- Region V
77 West Jackson Blvd.
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Dear Mr. O'Grady:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your November 4, 1997 letter and enclosed Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the Vacant Lot Site (a/k/a "Vulcan Louisville Smelting Company" Site) in North Chicago, Illinois. Pursuant to the agreement reached at our meeting on August 25, 1997, Fansteel will advise USEPA on or before December 8, 1997 of Fansteel's intentions with respect to USEPA's June 17, 1997 letter, which offered to Fansteel the opportunity to perform an EE/CA or alternatively, finance the cost of an EE/CA performed by USEPA. In the event that Fansteel's decision is to perform an EE/CA, an appropriate Work Plan will be submitted to USEPA on December 8, 1997.

Very truly yours,

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